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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed August 27, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 20, 72, and 100-101 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 19, 21, 22, 71, 73, 74, and 77 as follows:

19. (Amended) An anchor for insertion into a bone hole to secure a suture to bone, comprising:

a rigid body defining a generally transverse, circumferentially bounded opening extending through said body for receiving the suture,

said body having a non-helically extending exterior enlargement for engaging the bone upon insertion to resist withdrawal of said anchor from the bone, wherein said enlargement comprises a circumferential ridge.

21. (Amended) The anchor of claim 19 wherein said circumferential ridge includes a distal, chamfered surface.

22. (Amended) The anchor of claim 19 wherein said circumferential ridge includes a proximal surface orientated transversely to a longitudinal axis of the body.

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